

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 19-23 and 25-27 is noted with appreciation.

Claim Objections

Claim 24 has been amended to replace the language considered inconsistent with claim 23 with new language. Accordingly, the objection to claim 24 is now moot.

Oath or Declaration

The Examiner considers the previously submitted declaration to be defective. As best understood, the Examiner considers the declaration to be defective because it does not state that the person making the declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. To the contrary, the original declaration does comply with 37 CFR 1.67(a). More particularly, the original declaration states:

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

This language is believed to be consistent with language that had been used in declaration forms provided by the Office.

Withdrawal of the objection to the declaration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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